

Child and Behavioral Health Policy & Planning Committee

Meeting Summary

March 10, 2005

Department of Rehabilitation Services
Richmond

Prior to the business meeting, the Chair and other committee members conducted an orientation for new members. New members were provided manuals that contained a number of handouts from previous meetings. During the orientation there were a some procedural questions related to this committee's work, recommendations from other children's workgroups, how to integrate these other recommendations into the Planning Committee report, etc.

The Chair called the meeting to order and new members were welcomed and introductions occurred. The meeting summary was approved as written. Motion to accept made by Jeanette DuVal and seconded by Catherine Hancock.

Pertinent points from discussion and recommendations for the biennium:

- Do the recommendations of the Child and Adolescent Special Populations Workgroup, the Custody Relinquishment Workgroup, and the Child & Behavioral Health Policy & Planning Committee deal with the language delineated in the legislation (Item 330F)?
- How does this committee consolidate the various recommendations?
- Suggestion – establish specific budget priorities and build the policy issues around the budget priorities.
- Emphasize goals, objectives, and strategies to support the recommendations.
- Reframe the discussion about what Virginia is doing for children.
- Point out what other states are doing, for example, New Mexico pools funding for children's services and funds follow the child. Additionally, what strategies should the committee consider related to this issue and what about timing for the strategies and what will be the cost to implement them?
- Stress the importance of funding for training to build capacity and ensuring a strong infrastructure.
- Integrate the recommendations from the perspective of the child and family and not from a bureaucratic perspective and the needs of children and families will shift the system toward an integrated system.
- Suggestion – consider a three-pronged approach of training, access, and capacity with funding overarching the three areas, could provide a mechanism for identifying gaps in services.
- Point of information – VA Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics asking for training on mental health issues.
- Overarching themes:
 1. System of Care
 2. Information about where to access services
 3. Integrating all children's behavioral health services including health care services as well.
 4. Explore the role of behavioral health services in the schools.

5. Capacity
 - a. Training – specialists, pediatricians, and family practitioners. Reference to this issue is contained in the Custody Relinquishment Report for funds for CSBs and schools for joint effort around school behavioral health services and funding for pilots for eventual statewide replication.
 - b. Training – EPSDT
 - c. Appropriation for funding for SA services for children
 - d. Funding for a statewide family coalition.
 - e. Funding for evaluation and data collection
 - f. Funding for the OCFS
 - g. Funding for expansion of pilot sites for JJ and co-occurring disorders
 - h. Resource Centers of Excellence with criteria and funds for localities to mentor other localities
 - i. System of Care and case management
 6. Access – rural areas and access related to training to build capacity
- Structural Recommendations
 1. Related to membership on the committee
 2. Does the budget language need to be revised to include other agencies such as DOE, DVH, insurance, DSS, private providers?
 3. Statewide Family Coalition to disseminate information, OCFS including the Family Advisory Group to oversee program implementation, Funding issues related to an under funded system (\$40million) and importance of prioritizing budgetary needs. Additionally, discussion about start-up costs for CSBs to build capacity, incentives to accomplish the policy goals of integrated services across disabilities, etc.
 - Tensions:
 1. Defining the system – behavioral health, health, and the larger system of children's services.
 2. Large vs. small
 3. Timing for this report, political and budgetary cycle vs. urgency of the issues.
 - What are the goals for this committee over a three-year span?
 1. Information
 2. Behavioral Health and Health services
 3. Keeping children in school
 4. Family Support
 5. Enhancing state/local partnerships
 6. Greater priority for children's services
 7. Products:
 - a. Resource Directory for families to get information they need
 - b. Children's budget
 - c. **Cabinet level position – tabled.**
 - Next Steps:
 - April 14th meeting – draft report and discussion about top priorities to the Committee. Committee will receive the draft report prior to the April meeting.

- Writing committee: Kristi Wright, Leah Hamaker, Francine Gicatelli, Beth Rafferty, Brian Meyer, Shirley Ricks, Fran Gallagher, Kim McGaughey, Don Roe, Sandy Bryant, and Mary Ann Discenza.
- Committee will meet on March 29th from 12:00 until 3:00 at Children's Hospital.

Meeting adjourned. Beth Rafferty moved adjournment and Jeanette DuVal seconded the motion.